

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
April 16th, 2012 at 7p.m.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: John Stantz and Dean Bruce. Cynthia Hyde was not present.

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Sewage Dept. Supt. Shelley Edwards, Street Dept. Supt., Larry Parrish. Also present was Jim and Rene West, B.J. Bennett, Deb Jordan, George Ridgeway with Cook Group Daniel Browning, Sheila Reeves

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR April 2, 2012 REGULAR MEETING

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Dean Bruce and the motion passed 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Jim West requested reimbursement for expenses incurred for a sewer problem at the corner of Morgan and East. The sewer line was mistakenly capped off during the East Street project.

Jon Stantz made a motion that the town pay the expenses to restore the line in the amount of \$4,047. The motion was seconded by Dean and passed 2-0.

Next B. J. Bennett requested approval for two events; a hog roast and art fair event to be held on June 9th from 9pm to 10 pm at Cooper Park, and the Chalk-it-up event to be held on the town square on June 23, 2012 from 8am to 12pm (rain date is 6/30/2012). She requested the closure of Cooper Street in front of the Art Guild (between West and Montgomery Streets) for the June 9th event. Also, she requested closing off the parking spaces surrounding the courthouse square for the Chalk-it-up event.

A motion to approve the two events on June 9th and June 23rd was made by Jon Stantz, and seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 2-0.

Next up, Deb Jordan with Owen County Preservations introduced George Ridgeway, architect for Cook . She stated that Cook Group would take the responsibility for restoring the Tivoli and wanted to introduce him to the Board. George Ridgeway said that they planned on taking on the project and they will totally restore the building, complete with new wiring, new heating, air conditioning, fire suppression system and fire alarms and try to take it back to where it was when it opened up in 1928. He stated that although he has done work here before with Cook Urological, he was unfamiliar with the town's licensing and permit processes. He was told to get with Sheila Reeves at the courthouse to start the process. He received a congratulatory round of applause on behalf of Cook, for taking on the project.

Next Daniel Browning requested that a four-way stop be placed at the intersection of Montgomery and Wayne. He stated that it is a safety issue, because cars tend to run the stop signs that are there on the corners of Montgomery. Montgomery currently has stop signs, but Wayne does not. Jon Stantz said that the Street Department will take a look at it, and take care of it as soon as possible. Richard Lorenz stated that if it is concluded that that location requires a four-way stop sign, then an ordinance should be published.

Next Sheila Reeves updated the Board on the Building Department. She asked for permission to re-advertise for both the Building Inspector position, and the secretarial position. Sheila said the procedures as last time for advertising will be instituted again, only she hoped to run the ads for a longer period of time. The board agreed to let her proceed.

Dean Bruce made a motion to re-advertise the Building Inspector job using the same job description. Jon Stantz seconded, and the motion passed 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Foutch reported that Marty Workman graduated from the Academy on Friday. He also stated they would be participating in the Drug Take Back Day on April 28th in the back lot. They will also be participating in Project Ignition with the accident simulation before the prom at the high school. He also talked about some complaints at abandoned properties regarding the upkeep of the property. Richard Lorenz reminded the Board that there is an ordinance to handle these situations for notifying the owners and mowing lawns.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Roger Freeman presented an estimate for removing the trees on the corner of Jefferson and Sycamore.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the bid for \$1,800 from A-Z Tree Service to remove the two trees at 180 Sycamore Street. Dean Bruce seconded, and it passed 2-0.

Roger also asked about a tree on Montgomery Street which may be a safety issue. Jon Stantz suggested if the tree is a safety issue, take down just what he has to, to eliminate the safety issue, and leave the rest for the owner to take care of.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

Three sewer adjustments were submitted for approval. They are:

- David Freeman – 843 Amanda Lane - \$33.46
- Westside Trailer Court – 460 West Market - \$442.02
- Ernest Pursell - 626 Meadow Drive - \$58.38

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the sewer adjustments. The motion was seconded by Jon Stantz and passed 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Cheryl Moke reported that the equipment truck will be delivered on Friday to Indianapolis.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz stated that he has not had a chance to react to the last Executive Session that was held and probably will have a report by the end of the week. He also said Chief Foutch has asked him to look into a violations bureau. He stated that he spoke to the prosecuting attorney and the judge and found that the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer would handle the operation of this and handle the initial hearing. He said this would require further investigation and a look at the potential numbers.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business to discuss at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Dean Bruce said that an event registration was dropped off from Curt Carey for the Doughboy Run to be held on June 9th. He stated he would like to have a little more definition (map) on this from Mr. Carey. Cheryl Moke said she would contact him.

Dean Bruce next discussed the idea that the county, and other local agencies along with the Town of Spencer might consider working together to come up with a solution for animal control in the area. He said he had heard of a similar program in Brown County and would like to see if we could get something going here as well.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the claims as presented. The motion was seconded by Dean Bruce, and passed 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Jon Stantz motioned to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. seconded by Dean Bruce and the motion passed 2-0.

_____ Cynthia Hyde, President	_____ Jon Stantz, Vice-President	_____ Dean Bruce, Board Member
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Attest: _____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer